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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/20/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oberg (US 2,790,164).

With respect to claim 1, Oberg discloses a dual-cone loudspeaker, comprising: a. two speaker elements (fig.1 #12,13), facing in opposite directions; and b. two acoustical horns (fig.1 #17,21,22), each containing an approximately 90-degree bend; said horns being acoustically independent and having approximately co-planar openings that project acoustical energy in the same direction; c. said two speaker elements each being located within one of said two acoustical horns (fig.1).

With respect to claim 2, Oberg discloses the dual-cone loudspeaker of claim 1, further comprising a single, shared magnet between the two speaker elements (fig.1 #10,11, col.1 ln.51-62).

With respect to claim 4, Oberg discloses a dual-cone loudspeaker, comprising: a. two speaker elements (fig.1 #12,13), facing in opposite directions, each having a closed basket or frame (fig.1#14) behind their respective speaker cones, and b. two acoustical horns (fig.1 #17,21,22), each containing an approximately 90-degree bend; said horns being acoustically independent and having approximately co-planar openings that

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project acoustical energy in the same direction; c. said two speaker elements each being located within one of said two acoustical horns (fig.1).

With respect to claim 5, Oberg discloses the dual-cone loudspeaker of claim 4, further comprising a single, shared magnet between the two speaker elements (fig.1 #10,11, col.1 ln.51-62).

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato (US 6,035,051).

With respect to claim 1, Sato discloses a dual-cone loudspeaker, comprising: a. two speaker elements (fig.8 #34,36), facing in opposite directions; and b. two acoustical horns (fig.8 #32), each containing an approximately 90-degree bend; said horns being acoustically independent and having approximately co-planar openings that project acoustical energy in the same direction; c. said two speaker elements each being located within one of said two acoustical horns (fig.8).

With respect to claim 3, Sato discloses the dual-cone loudspeaker of claim 1, further comprising two separate magnets; one for each speaker element (fig.8 #34,36).

With respect to claim 4, Sato discloses a dual-cone loudspeaker, comprising: a. two speaker elements (fig.8 #34,36), facing in opposite directions, each having a closed basket or frame (fig.8 #30,38) behind their respective speaker cones, and b. two acoustical horns (fig.8 #32), each containing an approximately 90-degree bend; said horns being acoustically independent and having approximately co-planar openings that

project acoustical energy in the same direction; c. said two speaker elements each being located within one of said two acoustical horns (fig.8).

With respect to claim 6, Sato discloses the dual-cone loudspeaker of claim 4, further comprising two separate magnets; one for each speaker element (fig.8 #34,36).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Eddington (US 1,568,589) discloses a dual horn loudspeaker.

Lyons et al (US 5,397,866) discloses a dual acoustic horn assembly.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason R. Kurr whose telephone number is (571) 272-0552. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00am to 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on (571) 273-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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